

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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TO: Kris Phillips

FROM: Bob Babcock

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SUBJECT: May 08 Water Works News article – Water System Security Committee

Kris and Randy,

From now on, I'll provide an article for the Water System Security Committee, and, an article for the MDEQ Water Bureau Security Program. This is the article for the Water System Security Cte. Thanks.

1. Water Security Summit

The Water System Security Committee is planning on conducting the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Water Security Summit on Wednesday June 4, 2007 at the Lansing Best Western Midway Motor Lodge. This year's conference is titled: **Security and Contaminant Warning Systems**. The agenda has not been finalized at this time but includes: some US EPA programs (message mapping issue anticipation, TEVA/SPOT – Threat Evaluation Vulnerability Assessment/Sensor Placement Optimization Tool, Contaminant Warning System/Consequence Management Plans), some Michigan Programs (MDEQ water security contracts/program, MI WARN – Water and Wastewater Agency Response Network, gas chlorine reduction project), utility case histories, and real-time monitoring analytical parameters presentation. Look for more information as the conference is finalized with agendas being mailed to members in the normal fashion prior to the conference.

2. Water System Security Water Cooler Talk – Security: Here today and gone tomorrow?

Recently I heard from a water utility that the water security program should be like their safety program – a part of everything you do and never not on. In order for security to work, it needs to be a part of your culture and operations – like safety.